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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY FOR KING HUSSEIN --
SUPPORT FOR ASAD

REF: (A) AMMAN 5267, (B) STATE 257219

1. I SAW KING SHORTLY AFTER NOON OCTOBER 17.
2. I DELIVERED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO HIM ORALLY, LEAVING NO PAPER.
3. KING IMMEDIATELY THANKED ME FOR THE MESSAGE AND SAID HE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ASAD ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS. AS YOU KNOW, ASAD WAS HERE YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON TO SEE KING BEFORE GOING TO RIYADH (SEPTEL).
4. KING DID NOT COMMENT UPON, BUT REACTED VISIBLY (CONCERNED) TO MY INDICATION THAT SYRIANS HAD NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US DIRECTLY OVER ASAD'S CONCERNS.
5. RE PARA 3, REF STATE TEL, TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT, MY ORIGINAL COMMENTS TO JORDANIANS ABOUT US MILITARY SUPPLY CAME IN CONTEXT OF THEIR HAVING RAISED WITH ME ASAD'S APPARENT CONCERNS ABOUT CUT-OFF TO HIM OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SPARES. SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE IN MY CONVERSATIONS WITH KING TODAY.

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